

It is time for the FCC to remove the element 1 requirement in order to obtain an amateur radio license for operation on the HF bands. 80 years ago, before the advent of phone there was no choice in the matter. Today with modern radio equipment, satellites, RTTY, and a many other modes CW should be retained as an option, but only as an option.

To cut to the chase, amateur radio is a dying hobby and in need of resurrection. The elimination of code will increase usage, increase the sale of radios, improve public safety (more hams greater availability to communicate during emergencies), and make the best use of existing spectrum. As I stated in my short note, CW had its day it no longer is a necessary mode of operation. It's simply a mode of choice not a mode of necessity. Elimination of the code requirement will help the hobby, not hurt it.

I would hope the FCC would come to a quick decision on this matter.